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OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, August 5, 1993

Chairman Bert H. Jones presiding.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Pete Vujnovich
Perry Gisclair
Jeff Schneider

Commissioners Joseph B. Cormier and Tee John Mialjevich were absent from the meeting.

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Chairman Jones called for a motion for approval of the July 8, 1993, Commission Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Vujnovich and seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed unanimously.

The Resolution for National Hunting and Fishing Day was presented by Mr. Bob Dennie. Chairman Jones stated this item was a special interest of his since he was involved with this on a National level back in 1976. Mr. Dennie stated this year would mark the 32nd year the event would be held and the National Hunting and Fishing Day always falls on the last Saturday of September. Celebrations throughout the state are held in Minden, Alexandria, Monroe and Baton Rouge. Then Mr. Dennie read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution and asked the Commission to adopt the Resolution. Chairman Jones felt other points in the Resolution should be noted as well. Then he asked for a motion. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to accept the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the
Resolution is made a part of
the record.)

LOUISIANA'S NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Louisianans are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish and seafood that hunters, fishermen and commercial industries have long appreciated, as well as the need to conserve these great resources; and

WHEREAS, the State's warm Gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species unmatched anywhere else in the nation making Louisiana the nation's second largest producer of fisheries products with more than one billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of more than \$289 million and more than 55,000 people directly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling and distribution of Louisiana seafood.

WHEREAS, including in-direct employment such as food service personnel, total employment in the seafood industry increases to 90,000, and the seafood industries contribute approximately \$2 billion to the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, hunters and anglers have a long history of contributing to conservation efforts statewide and nationwide, contributing during the past half century more than \$12 billion to conservation programs through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes, currently providing \$3 million a day for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, half of the people in the United States sixteen years old and older (108.7 million) enjoy some type of fish or wildlife related activity, adding more than \$59 billion to local, state and national economics; and

WHEREAS, in fishing licenses alone, state residents spend more than \$2,750,000 annually and in total a direct expenditure of \$686 million in pursuit of their sport, making sport fishing one of the largest industries in the state. A national recreational survey by the Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 56% of all Louisianans participate in some type of fishing or wildlife related activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby proclaims September 25, 1993, as Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day. The Commission urges all citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists and commercial industries in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations and urges all its citizens to take part to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

Bert H. Jones, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
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The June Aircraft Report was presented by Mr. Lee Caubarreaux. This report showed four pilots flew a total of 110.1 hours for the month. He then went through the total flight hours flown with each airplane and noted the Aero Commander was listed on this report. Also included in the report was a breakdown of the flights that occurred during the month. Commissioner Jenkins asked Mr. Gene Rackle about documented costs for the year; then about a flight on June 16th and 17th to pick up the Aero Commander and the reason for going on two consecutive days. He then suggested that these types of trips be looked into for better utilization of the planes. Commissioner Jenkins then asked about the flight on June 19th and if the Federal Project charged was only one project or several projects. Secretary Herring explained that some of the trips in the airplanes were for the "Wallop-Breaux Day" which involved showing Congressional people how the federal money was being spent in Louisiana. Commissioner Jenkins asked about a flight with the Amphib on June 18th. Chairman Jones complimented the cooperation shown when the MW-Float was used by the Enforcement pilot when their plane was down for repairs.

Chairman Jones introduced the Mayor of Grand Isle and asked him to come forward and say a few words. Mayor Andy Valance welcomed the Commission to Grand Isle and encouraged having future meetings in Grand Isle. He then noted the people in the area are aware of the Endangered Species Act and appreciated the Commission's concern in keeping the industry alive. Mayor Valance stated Grand Isle felt there should be a balance between the commercial fisherman, the sport fisherman and the protection of the species.

Recommendations for 1993-94 Duck, Goose and Coot Hunting Season Dates was given by Mr. Robert Helm. Mr. Helm began by showing a video from the Fish and Wildlife Service which gave information on ducks, and also breeding conditions and production information on geese. Following the video, Mr. Helm noted the geese had a particularly good year and the ducks went along the same lines. There were also some good habitat conditions in the north central U.S. and Alberta, Canada. Then he gave the Wildlife Division's recommendations for the hunting seasons.

Ducks and Coots (Closed Season on Canvasbacks)

West Zone: 30 days

Nov. 13 (Saturday) - Nov. 28 (Sunday)	16 days
Dec. 27 (Monday) - Jan. 9 (Sunday)	14 days

East Zone: 30 days

Nov. 20 (Saturday) - Nov. 28 (Sunday)	9 days
Dec. 27 (Monday) - Jan. 16 (Sunday)	21 days

Catahoula Lake: 30 days (Experimental)

Nov. 20 (Saturday) - Nov. 28 (Sunday)	9 days
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Dec. 13 (Monday) - Jan. 2 (Sunday)

21 days

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Daily Bag Limit: The daily bag limit on ducks is 3 and may include no more than 2 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail and 1 redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

Mergansers: The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.

Possession Limit: The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.

Geese: (Statewide Season)

Nov. 13 (Saturday) - Dec. 5 (Sunday)

23 days

Dec. 18 (Saturday) - Feb. 2 (Wednesday)

47 days

Feb. 3 (Thursday) - Feb. 12 (Saturday)

10 days

Daily Bag Limit: Daily bag limit is 7 in the aggregate of blue, snow and white-fronted geese of which not more than 2 may be white-fronted (specklebellies). During the last 10 days (February 3-12), only blue and snow geese may be taken. During the experimental Canada Goose Season (January 19-27) the daily bag limit for Canada geese and white-fronted geese is 2, of which not more than 1 may be a Canada goose. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Experimental Canada Goose Season: January 19-27

Mr. Helm highlighted the changes from last year. The West Zone would open one week earlier because of comments received from hunters in the area and duck migration patterns. The East Zone would continue through the Thanksgiving weekend. The Catahoula Season was split because of hunters' displeasure with a straight 30 day season. The goose season would open a week earlier to tie in with the opening of duck season in the West Zone. Commissioner Schneider asked what was the latest date the Federal framework would allow the season to run, and how many years was left on the 5 year agreement with the Feds. Chairman Jones noted if there were three splits, you could have another weekend for hunting. Chairman Jones asked for public comments on the duck and coots seasons. Then he mentioned letters he had received from Mr. Didier, Mr. Greer, and Mr. Shaughnessy which requested earlier opening dates for the West Zone. Chairman Jones asked Mr. Helm to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to accept the Resolution as read and was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed. Commissioner Jenkins opposed the Resolution.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
AUGUST 5, 1993

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Grand Isle, LA, August 5, 1993.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on late season migratory birds that include ducks, geese and coots, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for ducks, geese and coots that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that provided no significant changes occur, these tentative seasons will be adopted as the permanent seasons for these migratory species at the September Commission meeting by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Louisiana's selection for the 1993-94 waterfowl hunting season.

Bert H. Jones, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
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Mr. Dave Morrison presented the Season Dates for Dove, Snipe, Rail, Gallinule, Woodcock and September Teal Season for

ratification. He reminded the Commission that the season dates were discussed and tentative dates were adopted at the last meeting and requested that formal ratification take place. Mr. Morrison then read the tentative season dates and advised the dates had been forwarded to the Fish and Wildlife Service. Commissioner Jenkins asked if there was much information on the gallinules, how many people hunt gallinules, and how was the bag limit of 15 derived. Chairman Jones asked for a show of hands from those who have hunted gallinules, and asked why disrupt the marsh for the gallinules? Commissioner Schneider asked if there was a survey done on the dove season and that he be provided with a copy. Then he asked how many hunters use the 31 days in the third split to dove hunt, and was the survey broken down into geographical regions? Chairman Jones asked how many dove hunters hunt more than two opening weekends? Mr. Morrison read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to accept the Resolution as read and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
AUGUST 5, 1993

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Grand Isle, LA, August 5, 1993.

- WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and
- WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and
- WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints

established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration of Emergency shall be in effect beginning September 4, 1993 and extends through sunset February 20, 1994, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations for Louisiana's 1993-94 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

Bert H. Jones, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
& Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following Emergency Rule:

The hunting seasons for early migratory birds during the 1993-94 hunting season shall be as follows:

MIGRATORY BIRDS OTHER THAN WATERFOWL

Dove: Split Season, Statewide, 70 days
 September 4-12 9 days
 October 16-November 14 30 days
 December 11-January 10 31 days
 Daily bag limit 12, Possession limit 24

Teal: September 18-26 9 days
 Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, Blue-winged,
 Green-winged and Cinnamon teal only. Federal and State
 waterfowl stamps required.

Rails: Split Season
 September 18-26
 November 13-January 12

King and Clapper: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate,
Possession 30.
Sora and Virginia: Daily bag and possession 25 in the
aggregate.

Gallinules: Split Season
September 18-26
November 13-January 12
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

Snipe:
November 6-February 20
Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16

Woodcock:
November 27-January 30
Daily bag limit 5, Possession limit 10

Shooting Hours:

Teal, Rail and Gallinule: One-half hour before sunrise
to sunset.

Snipe and Woodcock: One-half hour before sunrise to
sunset.

Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except noon
to sunset on September 4-5, October 16-17 and December
11-12 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary because the U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service establishes the framework for all migratory
species. In order for Louisiana to provide hunting opportunities
to the 200,000 sportsmen, selection of season dates, bag limits,
and shooting hours must be established and presented to the U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service immediately.

The aforementioned season dates, bag limits and shooting hours
will become effective on September 4, 1993 and extend through
sunset on February 28, 1994.

Bert H. Jones
Chairman

Policy for Administration of Wild Louisiana Stamp Program was
the next item presented by Mr. Gary Lester. Act 1993 of the 1993
Legislature made it mandatory that either a hunting license,
fishing license or Wild Louisiana stamp be in one's possession when
using Department administered lands. The exemptions to the Act
included anyone 15 or younger and those 60 years of age and older.
The Secretary has the authority to provide additional exemptions
and to promulgate rules to regulate the program. The stamps were

distributed in June, so they would be available when the program was initiated on July 1, 1993. In the 1993 Legislative Session, Act 441 was passed which gave the Department the authority to offer a \$2.00 one-day stamp. Mr. Lester added, the process of bidding for these stamps was taking place now and hoped to have these available in September 1993. This one-day stamp would accommodate people who would go to Rockefeller Refuge for a tour of that facility. The policy is still being developed and he hoped to present an outline of the policy at the next meeting. Chairman Jones asked when would everything be in place for it to go into effect.

An Emergency Declaration for **Setting the 1993-94 Oyster Season** was presented by Mr. Ron Dugas. This season is for the Public Grounds, whereas the remaining areas are leased out with a year round season. After surveying the Grounds, the Department found there were a lot of oysters to be harvested. The only area still affected by Hurricane Andrew was in Terrebonne Parish. The recommendation to open the oyster season on these Public Grounds was for September 8, 1993 with the exception of the Bay Junop area. Also, Mr. Dugas recommended not opening the Calcasieu Lake area until November 1, 1993. Legislators from St. Bernard required the State put in one area for sacking purposes only and the area for this year would be from Mozambique Point to the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet. Then Mr. Dugas read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Schneider asked how many acres of Public Grounds were there; how is it determined what is leased and what is public grounds; and added that if the Department wanted to make more money, they could lease more acreage. Chairman Jones asked if applicants were being turned down, how were health concerns monitored, did these closures occur often, how much of the state grounds and oyster beds were closed because of health reasons; and if someone that has an oyster bed is closed down, do they still have to pay their lease. Commissioner Schneider asked how does Louisiana compare with other coastal states in oyster production and if the health scare was the reason for oysters not moving. Commissioner Vujnovich remarked the health scare had a lot to do with the oyster not moving. He then asked, with the aerial surveys occurring, that the pilot fly over the State Grounds and see if there is any activity occurring. Commissioner Vujnovich stated it should be a real good season this year and then he asked the people who buy oysters to buy them from a registered dealer. Then he made a motion to accept the Resolution as read and was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. Chairman Jones asked Mr. Dugas to read the Declaration of Emergency for the Oyster Season and then asked for public comments.

Mr. Dulac Cheramie, a commercial shrimper, commented on the fact he has to buy a license to hand pick oysters with only two sacks being allowed and felt it was unfair and he was being discriminated against. Chairman Jones asked if an oyster fisherman had to buy a trawl license and then asked where was the difference.

Commissioner Vujnovich tried to clarify the regulations for Mr. Cheramie.

Mr. David Comardelle, a Councilman from Grand Isle, represented the oyster fishermen at the meeting. He stated there was a problem with the surveying of the oyster leases in the area and asked when the surveyors would be coming to the area. Chairman Jones asked what was the difference between hiring a contract surveyor or waiting for the Department and does the Department charge when they do the survey. Commissioner Vujnovich explained a situation he has encountered where the Department would have charged more than what a private surveyor actually did charge.

Ms. JoAnn Toups asked if all you needed was a \$25.00 license to pick oysters.

Chairman Jones reminded that Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency and was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

1993/94 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds

Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

August 5, 1993

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Grand Isle, Louisiana

- WHEREAS,** R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day, which in 1993 is September 8, and
- WHEREAS,** the oyster resources on the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Oyster Seed Reservations" have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and
- WHEREAS,** it has been a managerial practice to rotate the opening of the season on some of the "Oyster Seed Reservations" when biologically feasible, and

WHEREAS, Act #46 of the 1992 Legislative Session changed R.S. 56:433B to mandate a sacking area only on the Public Grounds east of the Mississippi River inclusive of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the "Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds", and the "Hackberry Bay, Sister Lake, and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations" not currently under lease will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 8, 1993, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservations" will remain closed during the 1993/94 oyster season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action, if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring, or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the season for the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 1, 1993, and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on March 1, 1994, with the Secretary having the authority to extend to compensate for the health closure days, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, notice of any opening, delaying, or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Bert H. Jones, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
& Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 967, and under the authority of R.S. 56:433 and R.S. 56:535.1, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

1. The Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and the Hackberry Bay, Sister Lake, and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open one-half hour before sunrise September 8, 1993.

2. The Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed during the 1993-94 oyster season.

3. A designated sacking only area east of the Mississippi River will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 8, 1993. The sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.

4. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action, if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring, or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.

5. The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource subsides.

6. The Calcasieu and Sabine Lake Tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 1, 1993, and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on March 1, 1994, with the Secretary having the authority to extend to compensate for the health closure days.

7. Notice of any opening, delaying, or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Bert H. Jones
Chairman

An Emergency Declaration to Set 1993 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season was presented by Mr. Brandt Savoie. The Department's recommendation for the White Shrimp Season would be to open statewide on the third Monday in August, which is August 16, at 6:00 a.m. Then Mr. Savoie read the Declaration of Emergency and

the Therefore Be IT Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Jenkins asked, on the last statement of the Declaration of Emergency, "when biological and technical data indicate the need to do so", what were the parameters for that. Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency and Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. Chairman Jones then asked for public comments.

Mr. Danny Babin asked Mr. Savoie what the testing has shown as far as size and count of the shrimp.

After hearing no further comments, Chairman Jones called for the vote. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

1993 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season

Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

- WHEREAS,** R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set no less than two shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and
- WHEREAS,** R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp season shall be based on biological and technical data which indicates that marketable shrimp are available, and
- WHEREAS,** R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum legal count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and
- WHEREAS,** historically the Fall Inshore "White" Shrimp Season opened on the third Monday in August, and
- WHEREAS,** historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in all inshore shrimp zones will average 100 count minimum size or larger by mid August, and
- WHEREAS,** in 1993 the third Monday in August will be August 16.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1993 Fall Inshore "White" Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 16, 1993.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 1993 Fall Inshore "White" Shrimp Season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicate the need to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 1993 Fall Inshore "White" Shrimp Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Bert H. Jones, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
& Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1993 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season to open statewide in all shrimp management zones at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 16, 1993. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is also hereby authorized to close the 1993 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicate the need to do so.

Bert H. Jones
Chairman

Emergency Declaration on the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form was handled by Mr. Joey Shepard. The Declaration of Emergency would postpone the full implementation of the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Forms until January 1, 1995. The money received from the Saltwater Gill Net licenses does not, as of yet, cover the cost of the program. When the program was established, the cost of the license increased from \$25.00 to \$250.00 which should have given enough funds to cover the program. But since it did not, a Concurrent Resolution was passed in 1992 which suspended the implementation date until 60 days after the 1993 session which

would be August 9, 1993. This lack of funds is the reason for the Declaration of Emergency and Mr. Shepard also mentioned a Notice of Intent and Resolution would be presented at the next meeting. Commissioner Gisclair asked where does "imminent peril to the public welfare" exist? Mr. Shepard explained to implement the program now would mean having to take \$600,000 from other programs that are already established. Commissioner Gisclair asked if in 1995 there is no funding, it would still not take place. Commissioner Jenkins asked why does the Department not have the funding for this program, does the Department have the authority to raise the license fees, what cost so much to implement the program, and did the Department try to raise the fees during the past legislative session. Then Commissioner Jenkins commented you would probably have to raise the fees above \$500.00 if the same number of people bought the license to make the program work. Commissioner Gisclair asked, when the Seafood Dealer's were sent a machine for the Cards, did they not have to send money. Also, he wanted to know what happened to the money and what was planned for the money. Chairman Jones then asked for Public Comments.

(An Unidentified Speaker): He explained about the limits placed on commercial fish and the fishermen and stated that with the prices of licenses going up, soon there would be no one fishing. Then he asked why did a fisherman have to buy a mullet license when he has a gill net license.

Mr. Ron Anderson, an offshore commercial fisherman, stated he was a proponent of the Sales Reports since it began. The data base this report will produce was a reason he was a proponent. He also felt the Legislature was wrong in trying to get the funds by raising the gill net licenses because the program would benefit all fishermen. Mr. Anderson then stated the Commercial Fisherman's license could be raised in order to pay for the program.

Mr. Roger Comardelle, Alderman for Grand Isle and a commercial fisherman, stated the reason the sales of gill net licenses was down is because the fisherman is guaranteed only one day of fishing. He suggested the Commission set not only an opening date for a season but also a closing date. Commissioner Gisclair stated it usually takes months for a quota to be reached and not a few days.

Mr. Ricky Griffin stated he felt it unfair the commercial limit on trout was 14 or 16 inches and the recreational limit was 12 inches. Then, with the mullet fisheries, he suggested the non-resident fishermen should have to show more proof that they are or are not a resident. Commissioner Schneider asked if he had knowledge this was common practice for out of state fishermen to buy a resident license or was he just guessing.

The Commission unanimously voted to approve the Declaration of Emergency delaying the implementation of the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Forms.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 56:345(B) which allows the Secretary to promulgate rules and regulations on the submission of commercial fisherman's sales report forms to the Department; L.A.C. 76:203(D) which establishes an implementation date of July 1, 1992; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hereby find that imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

Effective immediately the full implementation date for the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Forms is January 1, 1995.

The Secretary has amended the full implementation date of the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Forms to January 1, 1995 due to the lack of sufficient funding to initiate and maintain the program.

Bert H. Jones
Chairman

An Emergency Declaration on the Dealer Receipt Form was presented also by Mr. Joey Shepard. Chairman Jones requested Mr. Shepard read the Declaration of Emergency. Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 56:306.4(E) which allows

the Secretary to promulgate rules and regulations on the submission of dealer receipt forms to the Department; L.A.C. 76:201(F) which establishes an implementation date of July 1, 1992; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hereby find that imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

Effective immediately the full implementation date for the Dealer Receipt Forms is January 1, 1995.

The Secretary has amended the full implementation date of the Dealer Receipt Forms to January 1, 1995 due to the lack of sufficient funding to initiate and maintain the program.

Bert H. Jones
Chairman

Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update computer printouts were provided by Ms. Wynnette Kees to the Commission members. Ms. Kees stated \$21,039 was assessed for Civil Restitution during the month of July. Payment of 29 cases totalling \$4,855 was also recorded. Commissioner Jenkins asked if the Department was up to date on assessing Civil Restitutions. Chairman Jones asked if assessments had been made on a Covert Operation which occurred during July, what was the amount of fish taken illegally, and what was the civil penalties for redfish? He then notified the Department he would ask about this case every month to make sure Civil Restitutions are assessed. Commissioner Gisclair asked, if the possession clause was never enforced against anyone before, how could it be done with this case. Chairman Jones then asked Commissioner Gisclair if civil penalties should be assessed in this case. Commissioner Gisclair restated his concern about how it would be identified now if it has never been done before. Commissioner Gisclair asked that the Commission be informed of the assessments for not only the redfish but also on the other animals involved in the Covert Operation case.

Mr. Ted Loupe asked if the Department was going to assess the Port Commission on the loss of over 100,000 pounds of fish. Chairman Jones asked if there was a violation of the law and stated if a law was broken, then assessments should be made.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report** for July was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of July.

Region I - Minden - 102 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 144 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 220 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 115 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 234 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 172 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 333 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 328 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 219 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 64 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 269 citations. Chairman Jones asked how much was the fine for the possession of undersized crabs? Commissioner Gisclair asked if you catch a fisherman with undersized crabs in the fish, would they get a Class 3 violation and if in the truck, was it a Class 1 violation?

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 28 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of July was 2,187.

Chairman Jones commented he has heard the State's boating safety has improved over the past few years through education and enforcement activities and asked Col. Vidrine if he could report on how the state was doing.

The Secretary's Report to the Commission was the next item given by Secretary Herring. He began by reporting the Fish Division had met and finalized plans with the Pennington Research Center on stocking and managing a 17.5 acre lake. The lake would also be used for boating safety courses.

Legislative Delegation met with Department personnel on exchanging land the Department has in Wham Brake for land on Black Bayou. Legislators in attendance at the meeting were given information on activities within the Department and administrators have received good feed back from the meeting.

The Department has received 25 acres of surplus land, free of charge, west of Minden for construction of a new office building. The land is between Highway 20 and Highway 80 with a 6 acre lake on it and plans for demonstration of non-game activities have begun. Plans for a legislative breakfast are in the making to apprise those delegates of activities going on.

The Wildlife Agents Association meeting was held during the month and the officers felt it was a good and informative meeting. Secretary Herring stated he saw results of raids made when

enforcement agents worked with State Police in locating marijuana plants.

The Information and Education Section sent out 30 News Releases and 10 Feature Stories. Hunter Education held 20 courses with 650 students attending. Secretary Herring reminded those traveling to other states to hunt, they would need to take a Hunter Education course. Seven workshops for Project WILD were held with 175 participants. One Boating Education course was held with 20 students.

The Deer Management Program (D-Map) is very popular with the hunting clubs and staff felt some concern on the thoroughness with the program as it continues to grow every year.

Ducks Unlimited furnished the Department with \$34,000 worth of chemicals to spray noxious weeds on Pomme de Terre, Grassy Lake and Spring Bayou WMA.

The Aquatic Plant Section sprayed 3,500 acres during the month.

The Fur and Refuge personnel have met with the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council and are trying to form the National Alligator Association. This would get the tanneries, designers, state governments and others associated with alligators together and possibly help the alligator industry do a better job.

Secretary Herring informed the Commissioners he has been in touch with the mid-western states involved with the flood and the Department has offered whatever assistance they may need.

Commissioner Jenkins asked Secretary Herring about a report on the Cormorants and the damage associated with these birds. He then asked Secretary Herring that a report be given at the next meeting. Commissioner Gisclair stated he has not seen any nests, but over the last three years he has seen an abundance of these birds. Secretary Herring stated the Department has talked to guides on Toledo Bend and they requested something be done. He then reported he has talked with LSU and possibly will get a study set up for Toledo Bend.


Commissioner Schneider made a motion the **November 1993 Meeting Date** be scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 1993 in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Jones then called for Public Comments.

Mr. John Roussel invited the Commissioners to visit the Lab after the meeting adjourned.

Ms. Susan Pellegrin asked why the out-of-state fishing licenses were unavailable. She then stated conservation was working and the benefits were being reaped.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to Adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins.



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, August 5, 1993

Chairman Bert H. Jones presiding.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Pete Vujnovich
Perry Gisclair
Jeff Schneider

Commissioners Joseph B. Cormier and Tee John Mialjevich were absent from the meeting.

Secretary Joe L. Herring was also present.

Chairman Jones called for a motion for approval of the **July 8, 1993, Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Vujnovich and seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed unanimously.

The Resolution for **National Hunting and Fishing Day** was presented by Mr. Bob Dennie. Chairman Jones stated this item was a special interest of his since he was involved with this on a National level back in 1976. Mr. Dennie stated this year would mark the 32nd year the event would be held and the Day always falls on the last Saturday of September. Celebrations throughout the State are held in Minden, Alexandria, Monroe and Baton Rouge. Then Mr. Dennie read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution and asked the Commission to adopt the Resolution. Chairman Jones felt other points in the Resolution should be noted as well. Then he asked for a motion. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to accept the Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed unanimously. NHFD

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

LOUISIANA'S NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Louisianans are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish and seafood that hunters, fishermen and commercial industries have long appreciated, as well as the need to conserve these great resources; and

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WHEREAS, the State's warm Gulf waters and fertile estuarine systems are home to more than 100 commercially valuable seafood species unmatched anywhere else in the nation making Louisiana the nation's second largest producer of fisheries products with more than one billion pounds landed annually for a dockside value of more than \$289 million and more than 55,000 people directly employed in harvesting, processing, wholesaling and distribution of Louisiana seafood.

WHEREAS, including in-direct employment such as food service personnel, total employment in the seafood industry increases to 90,000, and the seafood industries contribute approximately \$2 billion to the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, hunters and anglers have a long history of contributing to conservation efforts statewide and nationwide, contributing during the past half century more than \$12 billion to conservation programs through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes, currently providing \$3 million a day for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, half of the people in the United States sixteen years old and older (108.7 million) enjoy some type of fish or wildlife related activity, adding more than \$59 billion to local, state and national economics; and

WHEREAS, in fishing licenses alone, state residents spend more than \$2,750,000 annually and in total a direct expenditure of \$686 million in pursuit of their sport, making sport fishing one of the largest industries in the state. A national recreational survey by the Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that 56% of all Louisianans participate in some type of fishing or wildlife related activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby proclaims September 25, 1993, as Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day. The Commission urges all citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists and commercial industries in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations and urges all its citizens to take part to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.

Bert H. Jones, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
& Fisheries

The June Aircraft Report was presented by Mr. Lee Caubarreaux. This report showed four pilots flew a total of 110.1 hours for the month. He then went through the total flight hours flown with each airplane and noted the Aero Commander was listed on this report. Also included in the report was a breakdown of the flights that occurred during the month. Commissioner Jenkins asked Mr. Gene Rackle about documented costs for the year; then about a flight on June 16th and 17th to pick up the Aero Commander and the reason for going on two consecutive days. He then suggested that these types of trips be looked into for better utilization of the planes. Commissioner Jenkins then asked about the flight on June 19th and if the Federal Project charged was only one project or several projects. Secretary Herring explained that some of the trips in the airplanes were for the "Wallop-Breaux Day" which involved showing Congressional people how the federal money was being spent in Louisiana. Commissioner Jenkins asked about a flight with the Amphib on June 18th. Chairman Jones complimented the cooperation shown when the MW-Float was used by the Enforcement pilot when their plane was down for repairs.

Chairman Jones introduced the Mayor of Grand Isle and asked him to come forward and say a few words. Mayor Andy Valance welcomed the Commission to Grand Isle and encouraged having future meetings in Grand Isle. He then noted the people in the area are aware of the Endangered Species and appreciated the Commission's concern in keeping the industry alive. Mayor Valance stated Grand Isle felt there should be a balance between the commercial fisherman, the sport fisherman and the ^{protection} guarantee of the species.

Act ~~aware of the Endangered Species~~ ^{protection}

Recommendations for 1993-94 Ducks, Goose and Coot Hunting Season Dates was given by Mr. Robert Helm. Mr. Helm began by showing a video from the Fish and Wildlife Service which gave information on ducks, and also breeding conditions and production information on geese. Following the video, Mr. Helm noted the geese had a particularly good year and the ducks went along the same lines. There were also some good habitat conditions in the north central U.S. and Alberta, Canada. Then he gave the Wildlife Division's recommendations for the hunting seasons.

Ducks and Coots (Closed Season on Canvasbacks)

West Zone: 30 days

Nov. 13 (Saturday) - Nov. 28 (Sunday)	16 days
Dec. 27 (Monday) - Jan. 9 (Sunday)	14 days

East Zone: 30 days

Nov. 20 (Saturday) - Nov. 28 (Sunday)	9 days
Dec. 27 (Monday) - Jan. 16 (Sunday)	21 days

Catahoula Lake: 30 days (Experimental)

Nov. 20 (Saturday) - Nov. 28 (Sunday)	9 days
Dec. 13 (Monday) - Jan. 2 (Sunday)	21 days

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Daily Bag Limit: The daily bag limit on ducks is 3 and may include no more than 2 mallards (no more than 1 of which may be a female), 1 black duck, 2 wood ducks, 1 pintail and 1 redhead. Daily bag limit on coots is 15.

Mergansers: The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5, only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.

Possession Limit: The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is twice the daily bag limit.

Geese: (Statewide Season)

Nov. 13 (Saturday) - Dec. 5 (Sunday) 23 days

Dec. 18 (Saturday) - Feb. 2 (Wednesday) 47 days

Feb. 3 (Thursday) - Feb. 12 (Saturday) 10 days

MAY Daily Bag Limit: Daily bag limit is 7 in the aggregate of blue, snow and white-fronted geese of which not more than 2 may be white-fronted (specklebellies). During the last 10 days (February 3-12), only blue and snow geese may be taken. During the experimental Canada Goose Season (January 19-27) the daily bag ~~limit for Canada geese and white-fronted geese is 2, of which not more than 1 can be a Canada goose.~~ Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Experimental Canada Goose Season: January 19-27

Noted Mr. Helm highlighted the changes from last year. The West Zone would open one week earlier because of comments received from hunters in the area and duck migration patterns. ~~The change for the East Zone was it~~ *AND* would continue through the Thanksgiving weekend. The Catahoula Season was split because of hunters displeasure with a straight 30 day season. The goose season would open a week earlier to tie in with the opening of duck season in the West Zone. Commissioner Schneider asked what was the latest date the Federal framework would allow the season to run, *AND* how many years was left on the 5 year agreement with the Feds. Chairman Jones ~~asked~~ *Noted* if there were three splits, you could have another weekend for hunting. Chairman Jones asked for public comments on the duck and coots seasons. Then he mentioned ~~letters he had received from Mr. Didier, Mr. Greer, Mr. Shaughnessy which requested earlier opening dates for the West Zone.~~ *AND* Chairman Jones asked Mr. Helm to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to accept the Resolution as read and was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed, ~~however,~~ *Noted* Commissioner Jenkins opposed the Resolution.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
AUGUST 5, 1993

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Grand Isle, LA, August 5, 1993.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on late season migratory birds that include ducks, geese and coots, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for ducks, geese and coots that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that provided no significant changes occur, these tentative seasons will be adopted as the permanent seasons for these migratory species at the September Commission meeting by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as Louisiana's selection for the 1993-94 waterfowl hunting season.

Bert H. Jones, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
& Fisheries

Mr. Dave Morrison presented the **Season Dates for Dove, Snipe, Rail, Gallinule, Woodcock and September Teal Season** for

FOR ratification. He reminded the Commission that the season dates were discussed and tentative dates were adopted at the last meeting and requested that formal ratification take place. Mr. Morrison then read the tentative season dates and advised the dates had been forwarded to the Fish and Wildlife Service. Commissioner Jenkins asked if there was much information on the gallinules, how many people hunt gallinules, and how was the bag limit of 15 derived. Chairman Jones asked ^{ASKED} a show of hands from those who have hunted gallinules, and why disrupt the marsh for the gallinules? Commissioner Schneider asked if there was a survey done on the dove season and that he be provided with a copy. Then he asked how many hunters use the 31 days in the third split to dove hunt, and was the survey broken down into geographical regions? Chairman Jones asked how many dove hunters hunt more than two opening weekends? Mr. Morrison read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Schneider made a motion to accept the Resolution as read and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
AUGUST 5, 1993

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Grand Isle, LA, August 5, 1993.

- WHEREAS,** public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and
- WHEREAS,** the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS,** rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and
- WHEREAS,** it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints

established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours by Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration of Emergency shall be in effect beginning September 4, 1993 and extends through sunset February 20, 1994, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these dates will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations for Louisiana's 1993-94 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

Bert H. Jones, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
& Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and under authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following Emergency Rule:

The hunting seasons for early migratory birds during the 1993-94 hunting season shall be as follows:

MIGRATORY BIRDS OTHER THAN WATERFOWL

Dove: Split Season, Statewide, 70 days
September 4-12 9 days
October 16-November 14 30 days
December 11-January 10 31 days
Daily bag limit 12, Possession limit 24

Teal: September 18-26 9 days
Daily bag limit 4, Possession limit 8, Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon teal only. Federal and State waterfowl stamps required.

Rails: Split Season
September 18-26
November 13-January 12

King and Clapper: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate,
Possession 30.
Sora and Virginia: Daily bag and possession 25 in the
aggregate.

Gallinules: Split Season
September 18-26
November 13-January 12
Daily bag limit 15, Possession limit 30

Snipe:
November 6-February 20
Daily bag limit 8, Possession limit 16

Woodcock:
November 27-January 30
Daily bag limit 5, Possession limit 10

Shooting Hours:

Teal, Rail and Gallinule: One-half hour before sunrise
to sunset.

Snipe and Woodcock: One-half hour before sunrise to
sunset.

Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except noon
to sunset on September 4-5, October 16-17 and December
11-12 when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

A Declaration of Emergency is necessary because the U.S. Fish
and Wildlife Service establishes the framework for all migratory
species. In order for Louisiana to provide hunting opportunities
to the 200,000 sportsmen, selection of season dates, bag limits,
and shooting hours must be established and presented to the U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service immediately.

The aforementioned season dates, bag limits and shooting hours
will become effective on September 4, 1993 and extend through
sunset on February 28, 1994.

Bert H. Jones
Chairman

Policy for Administration of Wild Louisiana Stamp Program was
the next item presented by Mr. Gary Lester. Act 1993 of the 1993
Legislature made it mandatory that either a hunting license,
fishing license or Wild Louisiana stamp be in one's possession when
using Department administered lands. The exemptions to the Act
included anyone 15 or younger and those 60 years of age and older.
The Secretary had the authority to provide additional exemptions
and to promulgate rules to regulate the program. The stamps were

ON distributed in June, so they would be available when the program was initiated which was July 1, 1993. In the 1993 Legislative Session, Act 441 was passed which gave the Department the authority to offer a \$2.00 one-day stamp. The process of bidding for these stamps was taking place now and hoped to have these available in September 1993. This one-day stamp would accommodate those people who would go to Rockefeller Refuge for a tour of that facility. The policy is still being developed and hoped to present an outline of the policy at the next meeting. Chairman Jones asked when would everything be in place for it to go into effect. *later added, he*

An Emergency Declaration for **Setting the 1993-94 Oyster Season** was presented by Mr. Ron Dugas. This season is for the Public Grounds, whereas the remaining areas are leased out with a year round season. After surveying the Grounds, the Department found there were a lot of oysters to be harvested. The only area still affected by Hurricane Andrew was in Terrebonne Parish. The recommendation to open the oyster season on these Public Grounds was for September 8, 1993 with the exception of the Bay Junop area. Also, Mr. Dugas recommended not opening the Calcasieu Lake area until November 1, 1993. Legislators from St. Bernard required the State put in one area just for sacking purposes only and the area for this year would be from the Mozambique Point to the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet. Then Mr. Dugas read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Schneider asked how many acres of Public Grounds were there; how is it determined what is leased and what is public grounds; and if the Department wanted to make more money, they could lease more acreage. Chairman Jones asked if applicants were being turned down, how were health concerns monitored, did these closures occur often, how much of the state grounds and oyster beds were closed because of health reasons; and if someone that has an oyster bed is closed down, do they still have to pay their lease. Commissioner Schneider asked how does Louisiana compare with other coastal states in the oyster production and if the health scare was the reason for oysters not moving. Commissioner Vujnovich remarked the health scare had a lot to do with the oyster not moving. He then asked, with the aerial surveys occurring, the pilot fly over the State Grounds and see if there is any activity occurring. Commissioner Vujnovich stated it should be a real good season this year and then he asked the people who buy oysters to buy them from a registered dealer. Then he made a motion to accept the Resolution as read and was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. Chairman Jones asked Mr. Dugas to read the Declaration of Emergency for the Oyster Season and then asked for public comments. *added that*

Mr. Dulac Cheramie, a commercial shrimper, commented on the fact he has to buy a license to hand pick oysters with only two sacks being allowed and felt it was unfair and he was being discriminated against. Chairman Jones asked if an oyster fisherman had to buy a trawl license and then asked where was the difference. *that*

Commissioner Vujnovich tried to clarify the regulations for Mr. Cheramie.

Mr. David Comardelle, a Councilman from Grand Isle, represented the oyster fishermen at the meeting. He stated there was a problem with the surveying of the oyster leases in the area and asked when the surveyors would be coming to the area. Chairman Jones asked what was the difference between hiring a contract surveyor or waiting for the Department and does the Department charge when they do the survey. Commissioner Vujnovich explained a situation he has encountered where the Department would have charged more than what a private surveyor actually did charge.

Ms. JoAnn Toups asked if all you needed was a \$25.00 license to pick oysters.

Chairman Jones reminded that Commissioner Vujnovich made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency and was seconded by Commissioner Gisclair. The motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

1993/94 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds
Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 5, 1993
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Grand Isle, Louisiana

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day, which in 1993 is September 8, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Oyster Seed Reservations" have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, it has been a managerial practice to rotate the opening of the season on some of the "Oyster Seed Reservations" when biologically feasible, and

WHEREAS, Act #46 of the 1992 Legislative Session changed R.S. 56:433B to mandate a sacking area only on the Public Grounds east of the Mississippi River inclusive of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the "Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds", and the "Hackberry Bay, Sister Lake, and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations" not currently under lease will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 8, 1993, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservations" will remain closed during the 1993/94 oyster season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action, if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring, or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the season for the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 1, 1993, and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on March 1, 1994, with the Secretary having the authority to extend to compensate for the health closure days, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, notice of any opening, delaying, or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Bert H. Jones, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
& Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 967, and under the

authority of R.S. 56:433 and R.S. 56:535.1, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

1. The Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and the Hackberry Bay, Sister Lake, and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open one-half hour before sunrise September 8, 1993.

2. The Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed during the 1993-94 oyster season.

3. A designated sacking only area east of the Mississippi River will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 8, 1993. The sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.

4. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action, if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring, or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.

5. The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource subsides.

6. The Calcasieu and Sabine Lake Tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 1, 1993, and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on March 1, 1994, with the Secretary having the authority to extend to compensate for the health closure days.

7. Notice of any opening, delaying, or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Bert H. Jones
Chairman

An Emergency Declaration to Set 1993 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season was presented by Mr. Brandt Savoie. The Department's recommendation for the White Shrimp Season would be to open statewide on the third Monday in August, which is August 16, at 6:00 a.m. Then Mr. Savoie read the Declaration of Emergency and the Therefore Be IT Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Jenkins asked, on the last statement of the Declaration of Emergency, "when biological and technical data indicate the need to do so", what were the parameters for that. Commissioner Gisclair made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency and Resolution

and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. Chairman Jones then asked for public comments.

Mr. Danny Babin asked Mr. Savoie what ~~has~~ the testing shown as far as size and count of the shrimp. *has*

After hearing no further comments, Chairman Jones called for the vote. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

1993 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set no less than two shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp season shall be based on biological and technical data which indicates that marketable shrimp are available, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum legal count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

WHEREAS, historically the Fall Inshore "White" Shrimp Season opened on the third Monday in August, and

WHEREAS, historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in all inshore shrimp zones will average 100 count minimum size or larger by mid August, and

WHEREAS, in 1993 the third Monday in August will be August 16.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1993 Fall Inshore "White" Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 16, 1993.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 1993 Fall Inshore "White" Shrimp Season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicate the need to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 1993 Fall Inshore "White" Shrimp Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Bert H. Jones, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries
Commission

Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Wildlife
& Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1993 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season to open statewide in all shrimp management zones at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 16, 1993. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is also hereby authorized to close the 1993 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicate the need to do so.

Bert H. Jones
Chairman

Emergency Declaration on the **Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form** was handled by Mr. Joey Shepard. The Declaration of Emergency would postpone the full implementation of the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Forms until January 1, 1995. The money received from the Saltwater Gill Net licenses does not, as of yet, cover the cost of the program. When the program was established, the cost of the license increased from \$25.00 to \$250.00 which should have given enough funds to cover the program. But since it did not, a Concurrent Resolution was passed in 1992 which suspended the implementation date until 60 days after the 1993 session which would be August 9, 1993. This lack of funds is the reason for the Declaration of Emergency and Mr. Shepard also mentioned a Notice of Intent and Resolution would be presented at the next meeting. Commissioner Gisclair asked where does "imminent peril to the public welfare" exist? Mr. Shepard explained to implement the program now would mean having to take \$600,000 from other programs

that are already established. Commissioner Gisclair asked if in 1995 there is no funding, it would still not take place. ^{NOT} Commissioner Jenkins asked why does ~~not~~ the Department have the funding for this program, does the Department have the authority to raise the license fees, what cost so much to implement the program, and did the Department try to raise the fees during the past legislative session. Then Commissioner Jenkins commented you would probably have to raise the fees above \$500.00 if the same number of people bought the license to make the program work. Commissioner Gisclair asked when the Seafood Dealer's were sent a machine for the Cards, did they not have to send money. Also, he wanted to know what happened to the money and what was planned for the money. Chairman Jones then asked for Public Comments.

(An Unidentified Speaker): He explained about the limits placed on commercial fish and the fishermen and stated that with the prices of licenses going up, soon there would be no one fishing. Then he asked why did a fisherman have to buy a mullet license when he has a gill net license.

Mr. Ron Anderson, an offshore commercial fisherman, stated he was a proponent of the Sales Reports since it began. The data base this report will produce was a reason he was a proponent. He also felt the Legislature was wrong in trying to get the funds by raising the gill net licenses because the program would benefit all fishermen. Mr. Anderson then stated the Commercial Fisherman's license could be raised in order to pay for the program.

^{is} Mr. Roger Comardelle, Alderman for Grand Isle and a commercial fisherman, stated the reason ~~for~~ the sale of gill net licenses was ~~down~~ because the fisherman was ~~not~~ guaranteed ~~but~~ one day of fishing. ^{only} He suggested the Commission set not only an opening date for a season but also a closing date. Commissioner Gisclair stated it usually takes months for a quota to be reached and not a few days.

Mr. Ricky Griffin stated he felt it unfair the commercial limit on trout was 14 or 16 inches and the recreational limit was 12 inches. Then, with the mullet fisheries, he suggested the non-resident fishermen should have to show more proof that they are or are not a resident. Commissioner Schneider asked if he had knowledge this was common practice for out of state fishermen to buy a resident license or was he just guessing.

The Commission unanimously voted to approve the Declaration of Emergency delaying the implementation of the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Forms.

(The full text of the Declaration of Emergency is made a part of the record.)

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Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 56:345(B) which allows the Secretary to promulgate rules and regulations on the submission of commercial fisherman's sales report forms to the Department; L.A.C. 76:203(D) which establishes an implementation date of July 1, 1992; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hereby find that imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

Effective immediately the full implementation date for the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Forms is January 1, 1995.

The Secretary has amended the full implementation date of the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Forms to January 1, 1995 due to the lack of sufficient funding to initiate and maintain the program.

Bert H. Jones
Chairman

An Emergency Declaration on the Dealer Receipt Form was presented also by Mr. Joey Shepard. Chairman Jones requested Mr. Shepard read the Declaration of Emergency. Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency and was seconded by Commissioner Vujnovich. The motion passed with no opposition.

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In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 56:306.4(E) which allows the Secretary to promulgate rules and regulations on the submission of dealer receipt forms to the Department; L.A.C. 76:201(F) which establishes an implementation date of July 1, 1992; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hereby find that imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule:

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Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update computer printouts were provided by Ms. Wynnette Kees to the Commission members. Ms. Kees stated \$21,039 was assessed for Civil Restitution during the month of July. Payment of 29 cases totalling \$4,855 was also recorded. Commissioner Jenkins asked if the Department was up to date on assessing Civil Restitutions. Chairman Jones asked if assessments had been made on a Covert Operation which occurred during July, what was the amount of fish taken illegally, and what was the civil penalties for redfish? He then notified the Department he would ask about this case every month to make sure Civil Restitutions are assessed. Commissioner Gisclair asked if the possession clause was never enforced against anyone before, how could it be done with this case. Chairman Jones then asked Commissioner Gisclair if civil penalties should be assessed in this case. Commissioner Gisclair restated his concern about how it would be identified now if it has never been done before. Commissioner Gisclair asked that the Commission be informed of the assessments for not only the redfish but also on the other animals involved in the Covert Operation case.

Mr. Ted Loupe asked if the Department was going to assess the Port Commission on the loss of over 100,000 pounds of fish. Chairman Jones asked if there was a violation of the law and stated if a law was broken, then assessments should be made.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for July** was given by Col. Winton Vidrine. The following numbers of citations were issued during the month of July.

Region I - Minden - 102 citations.

Region II - Monroe - 144 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 220 citations.

Region IV - Ferriday - 115 citations.

Region V - Lake Charles - 234 citations.

Region VI - Opelousas - 172 citations.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 333 citations.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 328 citations.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 219 citations.

Oyster Strike Force - 64 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 269 citations. Chairman Jones asked how much was the fine for the possession of undersized crabs? Commissioner Gisclair asked if you catch a fisherman with undersized crabs in the fish, would they get a Class 3 violation and if in the truck, was it a Class 1 violation?

Offshore Boats (SWEP) - 28 citations.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of July was 2,187.

Chairman Jones commented he has heard the State's boating safety has improved over the past few years through education and enforcement activities and asked Col. Vidrine if he could report on how the state was doing.

The **Secretary's Report to the Commission** was the next item given by Secretary Herring. He began by reporting the Fish Division had met and finalized plans with the Pennington Research Center on stocking and managing a 17.5 acre lake. The lake would also be used for boating safety courses ~~as well.~~ *EXCHANGING*

Administrators
~~exchange~~ Legislative Delegation met with Department personnel on land in Wham Brake for land on Black Bayou. Legislators in attendance at the meeting were given information on activities within the Department and have received good feed back from the meeting.

The Department has received 25 acres of surplus land free of charge west of Minden for construction of a new office building. The land is between Highway 20 and Highway 80 with a 6 acre lake on it and plans for demonstration of non-game activities have begun. Plans for a legislative breakfast are in the making to apprise those delegates of activities going on.

officers
The Wildlife Agents Association meeting was held during the month and felt it was a good and informative meeting. Secretary Herring stated he saw results of raids made when enforcement agents worked with State Police in locating marijuana plants.

The Information and Education Section sent out 30 News Releases and 10 Feature Stories. Hunter Education held 20 courses with 650 students attending. Secretary Herring reminded those traveling to other states to hunt, they would need to take a Hunter Education course. Seven workshops for Project WILD were held with

175 participants. One Boating Education course was held with 20 students.

STAFF The Deer Management Program (D-Map) is very popular with the hunting clubs and felt some concern on the thoroughness with the program as it continues to grow every year.

Ducks Unlimited furnished the Department with \$34,000 worth of chemicals to spray noxious weeds on Pomme de Terre, Grassy Lake and Spring Bayou WMA.

The Aquatic Plant Section sprayed 3,500 acres during the month.

The Fur and Refuge personnel have met with the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council and are trying to form the National Alligator Association. This would get the tanneries, designers, state governments and others associated with alligators together and possibly helping the alligator industry do a better job.

Secretary Herring informed the Commissioners he has been in touch with the mid-western states involved with the flood and the Department has offered whatever assistance they may ~~would~~ need.

Commissioner Jenkins asked Secretary Herring about a report on the Cormorants and the damage associated with these birds. He then asked Secretary Herring that a report be given at the next meeting. Commissioner Gisclair stated he has not seen any nests, but over the last three years he has seen an abundance of these birds. Secretary Herring stated the Department has talked to guides on Toledo Bend and they requested something be done. He then reported he has talked with LSU and possibly will get a study set up for Toledo Bend.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion the **November 1993 Meeting Date** be scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 1993 in the Baton Rouge office, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Jones then called for **Public Comments**.

Mr. John Roussel invited the Commissioners to visit the Lab after the meeting adjourned.

Ms. Susan Pellegrin asked why the out-of-state fishing licenses were unavailable. She then stated conservation was working and the benefits were being reaped.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins.

Joe L. Herring
Secretary

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**COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL**

Thursday, August 5, 1993
Grand Isle, LA
Community Center

	Attended	Absent
Bert Jones (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	—
Jimmy Jenkins	<u>✓</u>	—
Perry Gisclair	<u>✓</u>	—
Tee John Mialjevich	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>
Joseph Cormier	—	<u>✓</u>
Jeff Schneider	<u>✓</u>	—
Peter Vujnovich	<u>✓</u>	—

Mr. Chairman:

There are 5 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Herring is also present.

AGENDA

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
GRAND ISLE, LA
August 5, 1993
10:00 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of July 8, 1993
3. Resolution - National Hunting and Fishing Day - Bob Dennie
4. Aircraft Report - Lee Caubarreaux
5. Recommendations for 1993-94 Ducks, Goose and Coot Hunting Season Dates - Robert Helm
6. Ratify Season Dates for Dove, Snipe, Rail, Gallinule, Woodcock and September Teal Season - Dave Morrison
7. Policy for Administration of Wild Louisiana Stamp Program - Tommy Prickett
8. Emergency Declaration - Setting 1993-94 Oyster Season - Ron Dugas
9. Emergency Declaration - Setting 1993 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season - Brandt Savoie
10. Emergency Declaration - Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form - Joey Shepard
11. Emergency Declaration - Dealer Receipt Form - Joey Shepard
12. Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update - Wynnette Kees
13. Monthly Law Enforcement Report/July - Winton Vidrine
14. Secretary's Report to the Commission - Joe Herring
15. Set November 1993 Meeting Date
16. Public Comments

LOUISIANA'S NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Louisianans are blessed with an abundance and diversity of game, fish and seafood that hunters, fishermen and commercial industries have long appreciated, as well as the need to conserve these great resources; and

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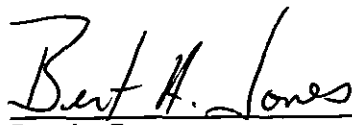
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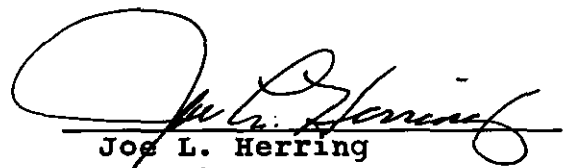
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NOW, THEREFORE, the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission hereby proclaims September 25, 1993, as Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day. The Commission urges all citizens to join with the sportsmen-conservationists and commercial industries in a rededication to the wise use of our natural resources and their proper management for the benefit of future generations and urges all its citizens to take part to learn more about conservation and outdoor skills.


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July 20, 1993

Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joe L. Herring, Secretary

FROM: Lee Caubarreux, Assistant Secretary *lee 7/20/93*

SUBJECT: Aviation Report - June 1993

Total hours listed are:

PILOT	TOTAL HOURS
G. Rackle	44.7
B. Stamey	25.3
M. Windham	3.6
D. Clause	36.5
TOTAL HOURS	110.10

-0- No Flights

PLANE	FLIGHT HOURS	ESTIMATED ¹ COST(TOTAL)	ACTUAL ² COST(TOTAL)
N61092 Amphib	29.5	3,670.10	2,754.07
70365 Float-DC	33.5	3,911.13	2,976.69
N2576K Float-MW	6.6	785.73	592.55
N9467Y 210	26.2	2,530.40	2,343.50
N223MS Partenavia	10.4	1,939.39	4,501.72
N57266 Aero Commander	3.9		
TOTALS	110.10	12,836.75	13,168.53

¹Estimated Cost is based on an historical average per flight hour.

²Actual Cost substitutes actual maintenance for the month for the average maintenance costs used in the previous figure. This is the only figure used in the calculation of estimated costs that varies significantly from month to month.

LGC:csg

cc: Debbie Unbehagen, Fiscal

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PLANE: N61092 (AMPHIB)

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PLANE: N25766 (AERO COMMANDER)

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RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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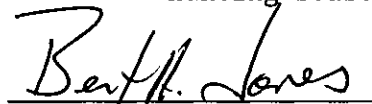
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WILDLIFE DIVISION'S
RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR
WATERFOWL

Ducks and Coots: (Closed Season on Canvasbacks)

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ROBERT I. DIDIER, JR.
2974 FAIRWAY DRIVE
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809
July 27, 1993

LA. WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION MEMBERS

Bert Jones, Chairman	James H. Jenkins, Jr.	Peter Vujnovich
Joseph B. Cormier	Tee John Mialjevich	Joe L. Herring
Perry Gisclair	John F. Schneider	

Gentlemen:

May I please make a plea for a fairer and more equitable 1993-1994 goose season. Because hunting days are so precious and expensive, it is my hope that you gentlemen will consider giving us goose hunters dates that would be more productive. My suggestions are based solely on experience from many years of actually witnessing goose activity and patterns before and during the season!

From my observations, geese begin arriving in good numbers in S/W La. mid October, and practically all the specs are here by Nov. 1st. Last year was a prime example when the specs arrived in our area in great numbers exactly mid October (Robert Helm can verify), but by the time season opened 5 weeks later, they were, as we predicted, gone . . . moved to other areas. A very disappointing and disastrous opening for us and other hunters in 3 to 4 mile area. To be sure, for better hunter success, the goose season should begin the first part of November, and including the split, end no later than January 30th.

Us goose hunters sympathize with the duck hunters and their 30 day season, but it is difficult to understand why the beginning of goose season has to be tied in with the beginning of duck season. Yes, I've heard the hue and cry of duck hunters that if goose season is open when their season isn't, shooting will disturb the ducks, and enforcement people are concerned about goose hunters killing ducks out of season? All goose hunters I know hunt on dry land, in open fields, no ducks around. Plus, most duck hunting is done in marsh where normally there are no geese. There appears to be no concern of disturbance or violations during the split when goose season continues for 2 weeks while duck season closed!

You gentlemen may be assured that we are aware a 70 day goose season is adequate, but why shouldn't we be favored with the best 70 hunting days? Certainly, beginning the goose season on the 3rd weekend in November, and extending into February, is tantamount to taking 10 to 15 days of prime hunting days from us! Therefore, I reason, the most productive dates to favor the goose hunter, would be to begin season first weekend in November, certainly no later than 2nd weekend, include 2 week split (we need the rest as much as the birds do), then end season latter part of January.

As for the token 9 day season on lesser Canadians, its a pity we couldn't get those days first part of January. These birds

Robert J. Didier, Jr.
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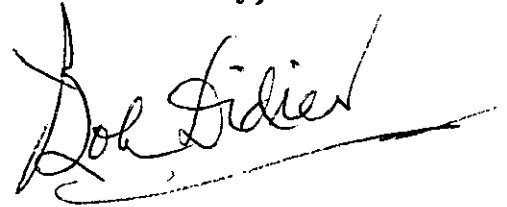
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arrive in sufficient numbers latter part of December and first part of January, but by the time we are permitted to shoot them very last part of January, they are most difficult to decoy. You see, for the best chance for hunter success, these birds should be hunted upon arrival, long before they've heard all the shooting at other geese, heard all the calling, seen the decoy spreads and blinds wherever they moved! Also, we should not have to forfeit one of our spec limits to kill one of these birds.

This is not my first attempt to request of the IWL & F to favor the goose hunters with dates that would be most productive and favorable. I have copies of correspondence going back to 1975 on this subject.

Anyway, I know you gentlemen will use your best judgement toward my reasoning, and I thank you for reading the above. All good wishes and kind regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bob Didier", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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C. Barry Greer
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July 29, 1993

Louisiana Wildlife &
Fisheries Commission
Post Office Box 298
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Attn: Mr. Bert Jones
Chairman

Dear Mr. Jones:

I will be unable to attend the August 5th meeting in Baton Rouge, which I understand will set the 1993-94 duck season, however, I would like to convey my thoughts as an active duck hunter.

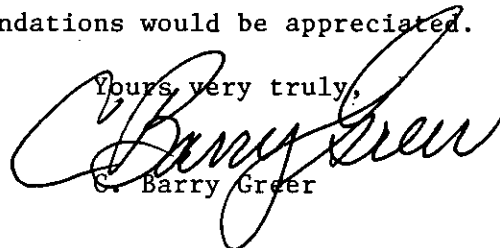
I have hunted in the Grand Chenier area of Cameron Parish for the last eight years and in Pecan Island ten years before that. The majority of our ducks for the West Zone are here in late October and/or the first week of November. By the time the season opened last year (in the third week), the ducks were leaving. The myth that cold fronts move the birds South might have been accurate in the 1930' and 40's, but we have had extremely mild winters these past several years and I do not see this weather pattern changing.

I know last year one of the Commission members objected to an opening of the West Zone in early November, but you can ask anyone who works on their blinds in late October or early November what the duck population looks like.

I would urge the Commission to consider an opening for the West Zone November 13th to November 28th, with the balance from December 27th to January 9th. Opening the day after Christmas may look good on paper, but it doesn't go over well at the house.

Your consideration of my recommendations would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,


C. Barry Greer



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ATTN: Bert Jones

Subject: 1993 + 94 Duck & Goose Season

SIR

I^{am} Representing 19 Guides & 3 duck clubs
in SW Louisiana. Over the last 22 yrs
that we have guided duck hunters in
our zone (west) most of our Ducks
show up AT Two Key Movements - late
Oct early Nov and late Dec into mid
January. My Records show that when
the west zone had early Nov hunting
our number of Birds in the area were
the highest. Please consider the following
seasons for the west zone for the best hunting.

SAT. NOV 13 thru Nov 28 - Duck & Goose

SAT. Dec 18 - Dec 26 - Goose only

MON. Dec 27 thru Jan 9 - Duck & Goose

JAN 10 - Feb 13 - Goose only Thanks Terry Shaughnessy

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July 29, 1993

Mr. Bert Jones, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission
P.O. Box 298
Simsboro. LA 71275

Re: 1993-94 Waterfowl Season

Dear Mr. Jones:

My understanding is that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will select the hunting dates for the 1993-94 waterfowl season at the meeting of August 5, 1993.

Last year the staff recommended a November 14th opening but the Commission compromised on a November 21st date after Mr. Warren Pol argued that "... the majority of our ducks don't come in until January."

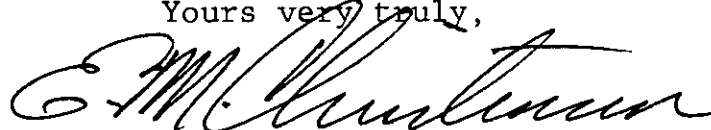
I'm not sure where Mr. Pol hunts, but I have hunted at Grand Chenier since 1975. Last season was typical with the marsh loaded with birds on our two work week-ends of November 7th and 14th. When we went into the marsh on the 20th probably 75 to 80% of those ducks were gone.

I recall attending a meeting of the Commission in Lake Charles perhaps nine or ten years ago when a move was afoot to take most of our allotted days from late November to mid-January. A number of the major hunting clubs presented compelling evidence from their meticulous records that nearly 70 to 75% of their birds were usually taken in November and that late December and January hunting was mediocre by comparison.

It has been my personal experience that earlier November hunting on the prevailing Southeast winds has always been more productive than the late November-early December days with frequent rain and Northerly winds.

I do not ask for a November 4th opening but why not split the difference with us this year and let us try November 13 to November 28 and December 27 through January 9. Your favorable action on these suggestions would be most welcome.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E.M. Christensen".

E.M. Christensen

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
August 5, 1993

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Grand Isle, La. August 5, 1993.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D. C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

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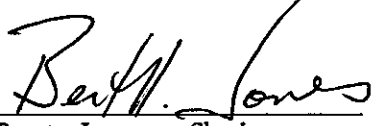
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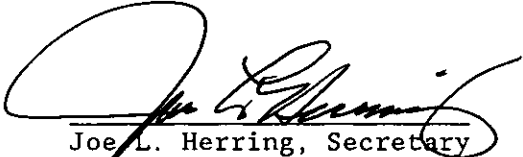
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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this date, the Louisiana wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby adopt the attached season dates, bag limits and shooting hours by Declaration of Emergency, and

Be It Further Resolved that this Declaration of Emergency shall be in effect beginning September 4, 1993 and extends through sunset February 20, 1994, and

Be It Further Resolved that these dates will be forwarded to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as regulations for Louisiana's 1993-94 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.


Bert Jones, Chairman
Louisiana Wildlife and
Fisheries Commission


Joe L. Herring, Secretary
Louisiana Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the Emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedures Act, and under authority of R.S. 56:115, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby adopts the following Emergency Rule:

The hunting seasons for early migratory birds during the 1993-94 hunting season shall be as follows:

MIGRATORY BIRDS OTHER THAN WATERFOWL

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December 11-January 10	31 days
Daily bag limit 12, Possession Limit, 24	

TEAL:

September 18-26	9 days
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Bert Jones

Chairman

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Bert Jones

Chairman

RESOLUTION

1993/94 Season on the Public Oyster Grounds
Adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 5, 1993
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Grand Isle, Louisiana

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be opened on the Wednesday following Labor Day, which in 1993 is September 8, and

WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Oyster Seed Reservations" have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

WHEREAS, it has been a managerial practice to rotate the opening of the season on some of the "Oyster Seed Reservations" when biologically feasible, and

WHEREAS, Act #46 of the 1992 Legislative Session changed R.S. 56:433B to mandate a sacking area only on the Public Grounds east of the Mississippi River inclusive of Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the "Louisiana Public Oyster Seed Grounds", and the "Hackberry Bay, Sister Lake, and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations" not currently under lease will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 8, 1993, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservations" will remain closed during the 1993/94 oyster season, and

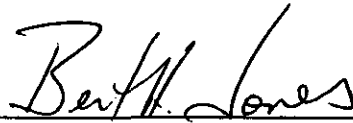
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action, if necessary, to close areas if oyster mortalities are occurring, or to delay the season or close areas where significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, and

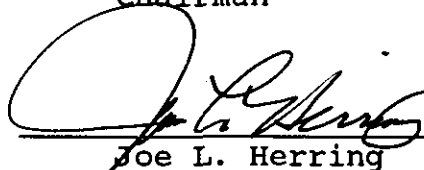
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary will also have the authority to take emergency action to reopen areas previously closed if the threat to the resource has ended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the season for the Calcasieu and Sabine Lake tonging areas will open one-half hour before sunrise on November 1, 1993, and remain open until one-half hour after sunset on March 1, 1994, with the Secretary having the authority to extend to compensate for the health closure days, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, notice of any opening, delaying, or closing of a season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.



Bert Jones
Chairman



Joe L. Herring
Secretary

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953 (B) and 967, and under the authority of R.S. 56:433 and R.S. 56:535.1, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby declares:

1. The Public Oyster Seed Grounds not currently under lease and the Hackberry Bay, Sister Lake, and Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservations will open one-half hour before sunrise September 8, 1993.
2. The Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation will remain closed during the 1993/94 oyster season.
3. A designated sacking only area east of the Mississippi River will open one-half hour before sunrise on September 8, 1993. The sacking only area of the public grounds is generally Lake Fortuna and Lake Machias to a line from Mozambique Pt. to Pt. Gardner to Grace Pt. at the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet.
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RESOLUTION

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Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
August 5, 1993
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Grand Isle, Louisiana

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WHEREAS, the oyster resources on the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds and Oyster Seed Reservations" have been surveyed and the available supply and size variation has been determined, and

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Secretary

RESOLUTION

1993 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set no less than two shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states the shrimp seasons shall be based on biological and technical data which indicates that marketable shrimp are available, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:498 provides the minimum legal count on white shrimp is 100 (whole shrimp) count per pound, except during the time period from October fifteenth through the third Monday in December when there shall be no count, and

WHEREAS, Historically the Fall Inshore "White" Shrimp Season opened on the third Monday in August, and

WHEREAS, Historical and current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in all inshore shrimp zones will average 100 count minimum size or larger by mid August, and

WHEREAS, In 1993 the third Monday in August will be August 16,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1993 Fall Inshore "White" Shrimp Season by public notice in accordance with R.S. 56:497, to open statewide at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 16, 1993.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does

hereby authorize the Secretary of the Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 1993 Fall Inshore
"White" Shrimp Season in any area or zone when biological
and technical data indicates the need to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 1993
Fall Inshore "White" Shrimp Season is attached to and
made a part of this resolution.



Bert Jones, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission



Joe L. Herring, Secretary
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Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:967, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open seasons each year for all inside waters. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 1993 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season to open statewide in all shrimp management zones at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, August 16, 1993. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is also hereby authorized to close the 1993 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in any area or zone when biological and technical data indicates the need to do so.

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION****COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN'S SALES REPORT FORM**

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 56:345(B) which allows the secretary to promulgate rules and regulations on the submission of commercial fisherman's sales report forms to the Department; L.A.C. 76:203(D) which establishes and implementation date of July 1, 1992; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hereby find that imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule.

EMERGENCY RULE

Effective immediately the full implementation date for the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Forms is January 1, 1995.

The Secretary has amended the full implementation date of the Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Forms to January 1, 1995 due to the lack of sufficient funding to initiate and maintain the program.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

DEALER RECEIPT FORM

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 56:306.4(E) which allows the secretary to promulgate rules and regulations on the submission of dealer receipt forms to the Department; L.A.C. 76:201(F) which establishes and implementation date of July 1, 1992; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hereby find that imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule.

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MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT 1992-93

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR NO. CASES SALE GOODS	PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN
July, 1992	105	26,553	(10,515)	103	5,578	
Aug, 1992	137	26,153	(3,241)	95	5,292	
Sept, 1992	214	34,341	(3,245)	82	6,186	
Oct, 1992	346	238,388	(19,670)	119	8,310	292
Nov, 1992	34	17,264		220	11,744	4,651
Dec, 1992	122	76,371	(7,012)	97	5,042	1,275
Jan, 1993	77	35,470	(979)	75	7,389	3,799
Feb, 1993	40	10,787		81	13,141	6,941
March, 1993	37	15,552	(1,876)	60	13,479	5,848
April, 1993	24	8,418	(10,809)	31	5,000	2,379
May, 1993	21	16,063	(1,599)	39	5,704	2,381
June, 1993	40	23,637	(7,454)	27	8,356	4,077
Total FY 93	1,197	528,997	(66,400)	1,029	95,221	31,643
July, 1993	25	21,039	(9,778)	29	4,855	2,545

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE: 2-AUG-1993

ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION

	CURRENT MONTH 07/01/1993 TO 07/31/1993	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1993 TO 07/31/1993	INCEPTION TO DATE 07/31/1993
# CASES	25	25	1,558
AMOUNT	\$21,039.25	\$21,039.25	\$742,284.14
# CASES	11	11	216
AMOUNT	\$9,778.20-	\$9,778.20-	\$157,374.30-
# CASES	6	6	102
AMOUNT	\$1,212.00	\$1,212.00	\$34,995.88

RESTITUTION ASSESSED

25	\$12,473.05	25	\$12,473.05	1,558	\$619,905.72	
PAYMENTS	29	\$4,854.86-	29	\$4,854.86-	964	\$107,175.40-
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	13	\$30.12
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	18	\$2,545.42-	18	\$2,545.42-	361	\$35,169.62-
REFUNDS	2	\$2,247.62	2	\$2,247.62	4	\$2,640.42
REMUNERATION REFUNDS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$7,038.85
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	4	\$991.94-
REASSESSMENTS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	9	\$2,786.59
DEBITS	1	\$428.40-	1	\$428.40-	30	\$8,317.20-
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
ADJUST VIOLATION	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	1	\$44.20-	1	\$44.20-	31	\$3,688.17-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	3	\$204.78-

TOTAL OUTSTANDING

527 \$476,854.59

FOOTNOTE:

PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT
AMOUNT PAID TO COLLECTOR

0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	26	\$9,162.59
	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$2,290.64

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

0 - 30 DAYS	40	\$37,037.65
31 - 60 DAYS	6	\$9,376.77
61 - 90 DAYS	7	\$9,440.98
91 - 120 DAYS	12	\$3,343.06
121 - 150 DAYS	6	\$4,554.19
151 - 180 DAYS	8	\$7,241.18
181 - 365 DAYS	292	\$308,530.54
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	134	\$96,196.20
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	22	\$1,118.88

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DATE: 2-AUG-1993

CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT

CURRENT MONTH 07/01/1993 TO 07/31/1993 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE 07/01/1993 TO 07/31/1993

INCEPTION TO DATE 07/31/1993

	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	1,167	\$58,710.00	1,167	\$58,710.00	26,654	\$1,343,632.07
HEARING COSTS	208	\$5,200.00	208	\$5,200.00	5,798	\$144,955.00
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$275.00-
CREDITS						

TOTAL DUE \$63,910.00

\$63,910.00

\$1,488,312.07

	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT	# CASES	AMOUNT
PAID IN FULL	594	\$31,894.00-	594	\$31,894.00-	13,277	\$674,361.65-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	22	\$1,022.75-	22	\$1,022.75-	282	\$11,463.14-
OVERPAYMENTS	15	\$1,559.00	15	\$1,559.00	169	\$6,040.58
REFUNDS	8	\$438.00	9	\$438.00	24	\$1,536.50
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	12	\$600.00
MISC CHANGES	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	12	\$180.00
DEBITS	3	\$2.25-	3	\$2.25-	61	\$57.52-
CREDITS						
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION	8	\$500.00	8	\$500.00	29	\$1,650.00
DEBITS	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	3	\$50.00-
CREDITS	69	\$2,200.00-	75	\$2,200.00-	1,131	\$48,107.38-
VOIDS	29	\$1,450.00-	36	\$1,450.00-	181	\$8,875.00-
NOT GUILTY						

TOTAL OUTSTANDING

\$755,404.46

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
FROM CITATION DATE

	# CASES	AMOUNT
0 - 30 DAYS	739	\$37,405.00
31 - 60 DAYS	455	\$25,050.00
61 - 90 DAYS	559	\$31,470.00
91 - 120 DAYS	353	\$19,636.50
121 - 150 DAYS	220	\$11,781.50
151 - 180 DAYS	192	\$11,415.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,236	\$80,195.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	8,444	\$538,451.46

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES
FROM HEARING DATE

	# CASES	AMOUNT
PRE HEARING	1,074	\$55,330.00
0 - 90 DAYS	2,943	\$154,748.00
91 - 180 DAYS	644	\$40,235.00
181 - 270 DAYS	107	\$7,360.00
271 - 365 DAYS	1,477	\$96,114.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	5,953	\$401,617.46

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

JULY 1993

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT-JULY 1993

REGION I

TOTAL CASES-102

ENFORCEMENT-102

OTHER - 0

27-Boating

25-Angling W/O A License

41-Fish Without Resident Pole License

1-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish

1-Resisting An Officer

1-Public Intimidation

5-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

CONFISCATIONS:

68 lbs. of catfish sold for \$27.20.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I:

66-Commercial Fishing

1-Recreatioanl Fishing

27-Boating

8-Misc.

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REGION 2

TOTAL CASES-144

ENFORCEMENT-144

OTHER - 0

81-Boating

22-Angling W/O A License

16-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

3-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

2-Take/Poss. Spoonbill Catfish

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

2-Hunting W/O Resident License

2-Take/Possess Spotted Fawn

4-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

5-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

2-Littering

1-Criminal Trespass On Crawfish Ponds

CONFISCATIONS:

5 black bass, 3 drivers license.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2

81-Boating

44-Recreational Fishing

3-Commercial Fishing

4-Hunting

12-Other

REGION 3

TOTAL CASES-220

ENFORCEMENT-194

OTHER - 26

82-Boating

86-Angling W/O A License

11-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

3-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

4-Take/Poss. Spoonbill Catfish

3-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License

3-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License

1-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

1-Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds-No Season

1-Resisting An Officer

17-Criminal Trespass On State Property

4-Littering

1-Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

2-Flight From An Officer

CONFISCATIONS:

2 black bass, 8 spoonbill catfish, 450 yards of gill net.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

105-Recreational Fishing

6-Commercial Fishing

82-Boating

7-Covert

20-Other

REGION 4

TOTAL CASES-115

ENFORCEMENT-115

OTHER - 0

34-Boating

24-Angling W/O A License

9-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally

1-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Of Undersized Freshwater Game Fish

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License

1-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.

31-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

1-Blocking Passage Of Fish

11-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Buying Or Selling Deer Or Meat

CONFISCATIONS:

NONE.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

34-Boating

34-Commercial Fishing

35-Recreational Fishing

1-Hunting

11-Other

REGION 5

TOTAL CASES-234

ENFORCEMENT-230

OTHER - 4

117-Boating

80-Angling W/O A License

1-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

3-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

4-Leave Nets Unattended

2-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

1-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish

5-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

1-Set Crab Traps In Nav. Channels Or Entrance On Streams

4-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

1-Fail To Comply W/Shark Permit And Report Rules

1-Trawling In Closed Season

1-Buying Or Selling For Resale Untagged Oysters

1-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

8-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

1-Possess/Take Over Limit Federal Controlled Fish

CONFISCATIONS:

6 boxes of crabs, 7 red drum, 7 speckled trout, 4 red snapper, 3 shark, 2 gill nets approximately 1200 feet,

2 black bass, 1 shrimp trawl.

REGION 5 CONT'D.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

117-Boating

18-Commercial Fishing

91-Recreational Fishing

8-Other

REGION 6

TOTAL CASES-172

ENFORCEMENT-172

OTHER - 0

118-Boating

26-Angling W/O A License

19-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

1-Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

4-Buying Or Selling Deer Or Meat

2-Possess Live Wild Quadrupeds, Wild Birds W/O Permit

1-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

1-Take Illegal Size Black Bass

CONFISCATIONS:

3 squirrels, 1 black bass.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

118-Boating

2-Hunting

45-Recreational Fishing

2-Commercial Fishing

5-Misc.

REGION 7

TOTAL CASES-337

ENFORCEMENT-318

OTHER - 19

100-Boating

109-Angling W/O A License

15-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

5-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Possession O/L Of Red Drum

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

1-Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License

2-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.

1-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.

5-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.

1-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Transport W/O Required License

1-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

1-Fail To Mark Crab Containers

1-Fail To Comply With Quota Closure Spotted Sea Trout

76-Sell Undersize Crabs

1-Commercial Truck W/O Display Of Owner Name & Address

1-Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds-No Season

1-Resisting An Officer

4-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

1-Public Intimidation

7-Littering

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REGION 7 CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS:

3 gill nets.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

100-Boating

132-Commercial Fishing

86-Recreational Fishing

19-Other

REGION 8

TOTAL CASES-328

ENFORCEMENT-319

OTHER - 9

114-Boating

61-Angling W/O A License

2-Fish W/O Resident Pole Lic.

2-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear Lic.

6-Angling W/O Saltwater Lic.

5-Fail To Have Fish Intact

4-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

14-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

4-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

3-Poss. O/L Spotted Sea Trout

4-Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum

1-Not Abiding By Commission Rules Finfish

3-Failure To Have Written Permission

1-Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease

9-Take Oysters Closed Season

REGION 8 CONT'D.

1-Failure To Hold Oyster Tags For Sixty (60) Days

3-Harvest Oysters From Unmarked Lease

6-Trawling In Closed Season

2-Use Oversize Butterfly Net Or Skimmers

2-Use Illegal Butterfly Nets Extension

1-Not Abiding By Commission Rules And Regulations

8-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License

9-Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.

10-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.

1-Transport W/O Required Lic.

5-Leave Nets Unattended

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel

1-Poss. Red Drum Illegally

1-Use Illegal Length Gill Nets-Saltwater

4-Failure To Mark/Tag Nets

12-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

1-Sell Undersize Crabs

7-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

1-Blocking Passage Of Fish

2-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

1-Poss. Red Drum Illegally

3-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

REGION 8 CONT'D.

3-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

10-Violation of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9

CONFISCATIONS:

399 lbs. of black drum sold for \$348.10, 206 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$242.90, 3 crab traps, 2 trawls, 1 outboard motor, 1 vessel license, 2 boats, 5 oyster dredges, 1 butterfly net, 21 gill nets totaling 10,900 feet.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

114-Boating

106-Sport Fishing

64-Commercial Fishing

5-Trawling

17-Oyster

22-Misc.

REGION 9

TOTAL CASES-219

ENFORCEMENT-209

OTHER - 10

48-Boating

40-Angling W/O A License

4-Use Gear W/O Recreational Gear License

7-Angling W/O Saltwater License

2-Taking/Poss. Over Limit Or Undersized Freshwater Gamefish

1-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum

4-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

19-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

5-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

2-Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum

3-Poss. O/L Spotted Sea Trout

1-Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession

6-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License

8-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

3-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

1-Transport W/O Required Lic.

15-Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish

9-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

15-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

1-Permit Unlicensed Person To Use Commercial Gear

1-Commercial Truck W/O Display Of Owner Name And Address

3-Trawling In Closed Season

REGION 9 CONT'D.

3-Butterflying In Closed Season

1-Buying Or Selling For Resale Untagged Oysters

2-Buying Or Selling Squirrel Or Rabbit

1-Buying Or Selling Deer Meat

1-Taking Or Possessing Alligators Closed Season

1-Sell Non-Game Quadrupeds Meat C/S

1-Possession Of Live MGB Illegally

2-Possession Of Marijuana

1-Public Intimidation

4-Littering

1-Flight From An Officer

2-Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA-Federal

CONFISCATIONS:

264 sea trout, 324 lbs. of sheephead, 19,692 lbs. of drum, 4 rabbits, 21 raccoons, 140 muskrats, 31 lbs. flounder, 16 deer, 5 ducks, 125 total berry crabs, 24,400 lbs. of crabs released to water, 640 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$560.85, 122 lbs. of catfish sold for \$50.40, 7 nets.

GRAND TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

74-Recreational Fishing	48-Boating
82-Commercial Fishing	2-WMA
6-Trawling	1-MGB
1-Oysters	
2-Squirrels	
1-Deer	
1-Alligator	
1-Fur Bearing Animals	

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-64

10-Leave Nets Unattended

9-PFD Violation

7-Violation Of Health Dept. Code-Tarp

4-Expired Boat Registration

3-No Boat Registration In Possession

1-DWI

1-No Fire Extinguisher On Watercraft

2-Unregistered Boat

2-No Vessel License

1-Use Another's Commercial Lic.

4-Fail To Tag Gill Nets

5-Block Passage Of Fish

4-Fail To Have Fish Intact

2-Overlimit Of Sea Trout

1-No License Plate-Boat Trailer

1-Expired License Plate On Boat Trailer

1-Improper Boat Numbers

1-Undersized Spotted Seatrout

1-Unmarked Commercial Vessel

1-Possession Crabs Berry Stage

1-No Rec. Gear License

1-Unleased Water Bottoms

1-No Commercial Fishing License

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OYSTER STRIKE FORCE CONT'D.

CONFISCATIONS:

2 boats, 2 trucks, 34 sacks of oysters, 2,000 feet of gill net, 418 filet fish, 4 trout, 48 berry crabs.

SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL CASES-269

59-Angling W/O A License

2-Fish W/O Resident Pole License

4-Angling W/O Saltwater License

1-Poss. O/L Of Red Drum

1-Take Or Poss. Undersized Red Drum

19-Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout

4-Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum

2-Poss. O/L Spotted Sea Trout

2-Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum

1-Fail To Have Commercial Lic. In Possession

1-Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. License

4-Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License

5-Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.

5-Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License

1-Fail To Maintain Records

1-Transport W/O Required License

4-Leave Nets Unattended

2-Take/Poss. Undersize Cml. Finfish

10-Possess Crabs In Berry Stage

1-Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings

2-Fail To Comply With Quota Closure Spotted Sea Trout

5-Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs

45-Sell Undersize Crabs

SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE CONT'D.

1-Commercial Truck W/O Display Of Owner Name And Address

2-Trawling In Closed Season

1-Trawling Inside Waters W/Oversized Double Rigs

1-Use Skimmers In Closed Season

9-Take Oysters Closed Season

1-Failure To Tag Sacked Or Containerized Oysters

1-Possession Of Live MGB Illegally

1-Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds-No Season

4-Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated

4-Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

1-Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries

1-Violation Of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9

CONFISCATIONS:

332 speckled trout, 48 drum, 229 berry crabs, 9.7 tons undersized crabs returned to water, 100 sacks of oysters returned to water, 833 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$1069.50, 6 ducks, 5 oyster dredges, 4,800 feet of gill net, 2 skimmer nets, 2 trawls.

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S.W.E.P.

159 ENGINE HOURS RUNNING TIME

101 BOATS CHECKED

TOTAL CASES-28

1-Trawl Inside Waters/With Oversized Double Rigs Over 25 feet

10-Trawl In Closed Season

13-Take Oysters Closed Season

1-Fail Or Comply Spotted Sea Trout Closure

1-No Commercial Fishing License

1-No Commercial Vessel License

1-No Commercial Gear License

CONFISCATIONS:

12 trawls, 7 dredges, 78 sacks of oysters returned to water, 2,887 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$4,096.10.

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TOTAL CASES ENFORCEMENT **1803**

TOTAL CASES OTHER **23**

TOTAL CASES OYSTER STRIKE FORCE **64**

TOTAL CASES SPECIAL STRIKE FORCE **269**

TOTAL CASES S.W.E.P. **28**

GRAND TOTAL **2187**

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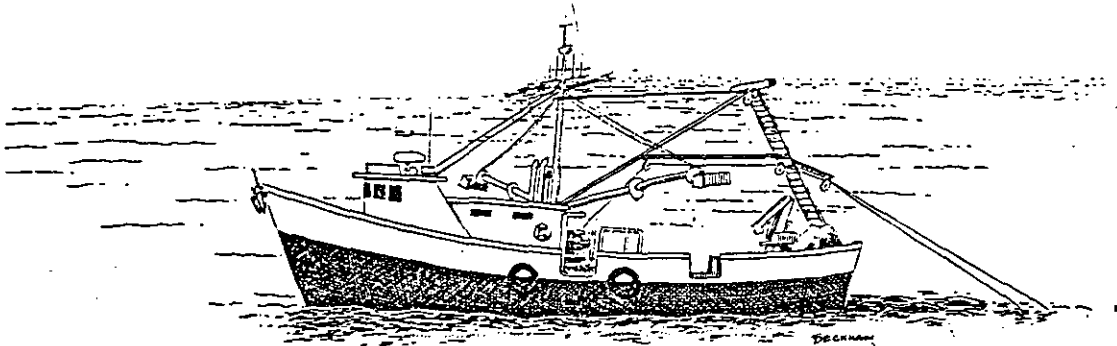
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AUGUST COMMISSION MEETING TO CONVENE IN GRAND ISLE

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The meeting is open to the public. The agenda follows.

1. Roll call.
2. Approval of July 8, 1993, minutes.
3. Resolution - National Hunting and Fishing Day.
4. Aircraft Report.
5. Recommendations for 1993-94 duck, goose, and coot hunting season dates.
6. Ratification of season dates for dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock, and September teal season.
7. Policy for administration of Wild Louisiana Stamp program.
8. Declaration of Emergency to set 1993-94 oyster season.
9. Declaration of Emergency to set 1993 fall inshore shrimp season.
10. Declaration of Emergency - commercial fisherman's sales report form.
11. Declaration of Emergency - dealer receipt form.
12. Civil restitution and class 1 update.
13. Monthly Law Enforcement report/July.
14. Secretary's report to the Commission.
15. Set November 1993 meeting date.
16. Public comments.

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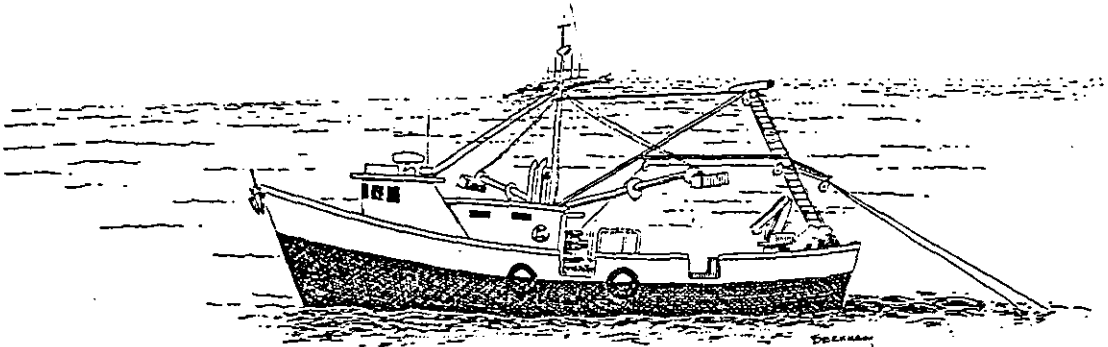
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AUGUST COMMISSION MEETING TO CONVENE IN GRAND ISLE

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Division Chiefs

Received verbal
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Wildlife Div.

- 1) Recommend 1993-94 Duck, Goose
And Coot Hunting Season Dates.
- R Helm
- 2) Ratify ^{Season Dates} Dove, Snipe, Rail, Gallinule
Woodcock, And Sept. Teal Season
D. MORRISON
- 3) Policy for Administration of Wild
La Stamp Program - T. Pickett

To Karon + Paul Mars
Agenda Items?
OK "X"

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Oyster Season - Ron DeGas

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Inshore Shrimp Season - Brant Savoie

3) Emergency Declaration - Commercial Fisherman's
Salus Card; Dealer Receipt Form - Toby Shorne

[Signature]

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*Resolution National
Wintery & Fishing Day
September 25, 1993*

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*Alligator Rule change to comply with
~~the~~ Act 294 of the 1993 Reg.
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Notice of Intent

J.W. Tarver

*Cancelled as
per conversation
w/ Johnnie
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Dear Susan:

*I have no items for above
agenda from United Fish. Div
I guess.*

Bennie **RECEIVED**
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DIVISION

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No agenda items / Frederick Prejean

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

GRAND ISLE, LA

August 5, 1993

10:00 AM

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I-370 → *Welcome to Grand Isle*
- I-360* → 5. Recommendations for 1993-94 Ducks, Goose and Coot Hunting Season Dates - Robert Helm *VIDEO* *~ 375 minutes*
- I-501* → 6. Ratify Season Dates for Dove, Snipe, Rail, Gallinule, Woodcock and September Teal Season - Dave Morrison
- II-000* → 7. Policy for Administration of Wild Louisiana Stamp Program - Tommy Prickett
- ~II-120* → 8. Emergency Declaration - Setting 1993-94 Oyster Season - Ron Dugas
9. Emergency Declaration - Setting 1993 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season - Brandt Savoie
- II-508* → 10. Emergency Declaration - Commercial Fisherman's Sales Report Form - Joey Shepard
- III-210* → 11. Emergency Declaration - Dealer Receipt Form - Joey Shepard
- III-336* → 12. Civil Restitution and Class 1 Update - Wynnette Kees
- III-400* → 13. Monthly Law Enforcement Report/July - Winton Vidrine
- III-484* → 14. Secretary's Report to the Commission - Joe Herring
- IV-85* → 15. Set November 1993 Meeting Date
- IV-77* → 16. Public Comments *+*